

National Republican.**LOCAL NEWS.**

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Yesterday was one of the most delightful Sundays of a whole year. The schools of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria were well attended. Hymns of praise from thousands of happy, jubilious children accented the day with a melody irreverent, and the churches were all well filled with attentive congregations, edifying discourses delivered, and, we are credibly informed, the number of communicants in each church was greater than for several months past. At the same time Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Ames, their new pastor, gave his introductory discourse. His text was from the sixteenth verse of the fourth chapter of Ephesians:

"From whom the whole body, by it joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the body of every part, maketh increase of the body unto itself; so also we, being many, we the entire subject was considered and elucidated in that comprehensive and eloquent style which convinced his large audience that the West Indians had made a most happy choice of a pastor. Certainly it is that under such circumstances no member of that congregation could have for an hour except from active Christian duty."

There was also a fine selection of congregational singing at Wesley on this occasion, by which every man, woman, and child present could unite heart and voice in singing the delightful hymns.

In the evening the corner stone of our African Methodist Church was laid with appropriate ceremonies, and we doubt not the new edifice will now advance rapidly.

BALTIMORE AND BOSTON.—Yesterday morning, about five o'clock, a colored man named Hiram, who resided in the city, was discovered dead, saw a woman whose clothes were covered with blood. Upon asking her what was the difficulty, she told him that she entered the grounds about twelve o'clock last night with a man named Meredith, and was with him until about day light. The woman was struck by the ground of Moreland, and discovered two men, one of whom, one of whom seized her by the throat and threatened to kill her if she made any noise. Hiram immediately notified officer Steele, who arrested the woman and took her to the Fifth Precinct Station House. The police gave her name as Annie Rivers.

The officer then went to the home of Rivers, where he found Meredith, covered with blood, lying terribly cut about the head and face. He was conveyed to the station house in an insensible condition, not being able to speak. The woman stated to the officers that Meredith told her he had forty dollars in his pocket, which they were unable to find anything on his person, his pockets having been rifled. The woman also stated that the man who caused her the throat was a soldier. It is supposed Meredith was struck in the head with a bottle by one of the men. The woman was fined \$25 for intoxication, and Meredith was kept at the station house until the arrival of a physician.

COMPLIMENT.—Mr. Miner Bowell, well and favorably known as an efficient clerk in the Washington City Post Office, leaves here this morning for a new and important field of duty in one of the Western States.

Mr. Bowell commenced his postal career at a very early age, in the capacity of mail rider between the offices of Georgetown and Washington. His devotion to duty and general meritorious conduct attracted the notice of the officers under whom he served, and subsequently he was appointed a clerk in one office, the particular which he performed with promptitude and efficiency, elevating himself to one of the most important positions therein, and Mr. Bowell, now leaves for an honorable, and, as we trust, a more lucrative post in one of the large offices of Texas.

THE ITALIANS GAIN A VICTORY.—The following message reached the New York telegraph office Saturday morning:

"LONDON, Aug. 2.—Marital law has been proclaimed in Lower Austria, Venia, Prussia, and Wurzburg.

The peace conference is to be held at Prague.

The preliminaries thereto as agreed upon are as follows: Austria is to withdraw from the German Confederation, and is to lose Venia and her part of Schleswig and Holstein. Austria is also to pay \$100,000 to her adversaries as the expenses of the war.

The German States north of the main are to form a union under the guidance of Prussia.

The Italian patriot, Fanini Manzini, is dead.

In the Goodwood races the Goodwood stakes were won by Special, and the Goodwood cup by Day.

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"LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Liverpool cotton market has been dull to-day. The sales were 8,000 bales without alteration of prices.

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At a meeting of St. John's Lodge, Ancient York Masons, held on Saturday evening, Mr. Bowell was complimented with a splendid gold watch, appropriately inscribed as a token of high regard for his services as an efficient and勇敢的 (brave) member of the Lodge.

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Previous to the armistice the Italians had been very successful in Southern Tyrol.

LIVERPOOL, July 26.—A notice has been issued by the Government to the members of the council of the Royal League to appear with their arms or in a court of law, as to their right to hold public meetings in the Park. Until this question has been decided no further meetings will be held, except on the afternoon of July 30, by arrangement with the Royal League.

Mr. Walmsley, who has written to the Times, states that his children could have nothing to do with him.

He also states that he had been going around for some time past threatening that he would shoot himself in front of the house of either his son or daughter. Justice Thompson dismissed the son and sent the father to the workhouse.

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